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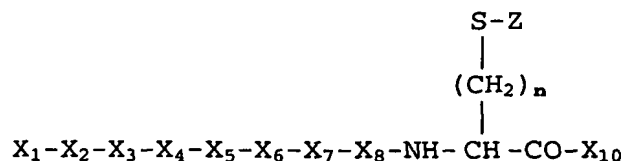
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(I)

(57) Abstract: A compound having bone stimulatory activity. In Formula (I), X₁ and X₁₀ are positively charged polar amino acids; X₄ and X₈ are negatively charged polar amino acids; X₅ is an aromatic amino acid; X₂, X₃, X₆ and X₇ are non polar neutral amino acids or uncharged polar amino acids; Z represents a blocking group; and n is an integer from 1 to 3.

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	WO 00/75185 A (OSTEOPHARM INC ;TAM CHERK SHING (CA)) 14 December 2000 (2000-12-14) cited in the application The whole document; see particularly claims 1-8; fig.15 -----	1-22

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Claims Nos.: 1,3-5,9,10,17-22(all partially)

The expressions used in claim 1 to define the relevant amino acid residues do not unambiguously define said amino acid residues, rendering (the scope of) said claim unclear under Art.6 PCT.: e.g., they are not restricted to natural amino acid residues and therefore encompass a plethora of undefined non-natural amino acids. Furthermore the adjective "aromatic" comprises, according to claim 2, a histidine residue and therefore is apparently not used in its recognized meaning. Consequently the search has been directed to claim 2 and the relevant subject-matter of the claims 3-22 (the "second" claim 20 has been renumbered in claim 22).

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